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The Eau Claire City Council met on January 25, 2022, with Polihire, its search consultant, to discuss and review candidates recommended by the Council City Manager Recruitment Committee to receive further consideration and be interviewed for the position of City Manager. At the conclusion of discussion, the City Council has invited two (2) candidates to move forward in the search process:

Stephanie Hirsch
Dave Solberg

A candidate profile summarizing the work experience and educational background of each candidate is attached to this news release. It is anticipated that City Council and stakeholder interviews of the finalists will be scheduled on or around February 22-23, 2022.

The City Council remains committed to working alongside City staff, the residents of Eau Claire and our community partners in the search and selection of Eau Claire's next City Manager. The City Council recognizes and welcomes public interest in the City Manager search and hiring process and will continue in as public and transparent a manner as is also consistent with this hiring decision.

Further information with respect to the City Manager search process can be obtained by contacting Council President Terry Weld at (715) 456-8080.

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Candidate Profiles

Stephanie Hirsh is an Operations Administrator, Department of Human Services, with Eau Claire County. Prior to her service with the County, Stephanie served for 15 years in various roles with the City of Somerville, MA. Some of those roles included: At-Large City Councilor, Special Projects to the Mayor, District Performance Management Coordinator, and Director of numerous Mayoral Projects and teams. Prior to her work with the City of Somerville, she served as a Senior Associate and Municipal Government Consultant at the Collins Center at the University of Massachusetts-Boston and as a Project Manager at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her other experience includes employment with the Boston Police Department, the City of New York and the University of Chicago. Stephanie earned a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) from Swarthmore College and a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School.

David Solberg is the current Interim City Manager for Eau Claire. His permanent position is that of Engineering Director/City Engineer, a role he has held since 2013. He has also served as Interim Community Services Director twice. Prior to joining the City of Eau Claire, David served in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as a Project Development Supervisor and Civil Engineer Transportation Project Manager. David earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin Platteville.

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